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Presented by your host, Megadroid.

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greetings

## HEY BOOMERS!

Watch  
how you  
handle the FREE  
STC Bike Stickers - they're  
wheely hot!. Time to put  
the brakes on and settle  
down to what's happening inside  
this issue...

First off is part three of **Roots**. Sonic  
and the Chaotix crew have been captured by the  
swamp creature known as Root who's trying to gain  
control of their minds.

Next off the block, Amy and Tekno find  
themselves stranded in space in the middle of a  
prison spaceship! Find out who's pulling the strings

in **Day of the Puppets!**

Onto the third red-hot installment of  
**The Take-over** which finds Knuckles trapped  
inside an ancient tunnel system on the Floating  
Island. Can he save the Chaos Emeralds from being  
stolen? You know what to do!

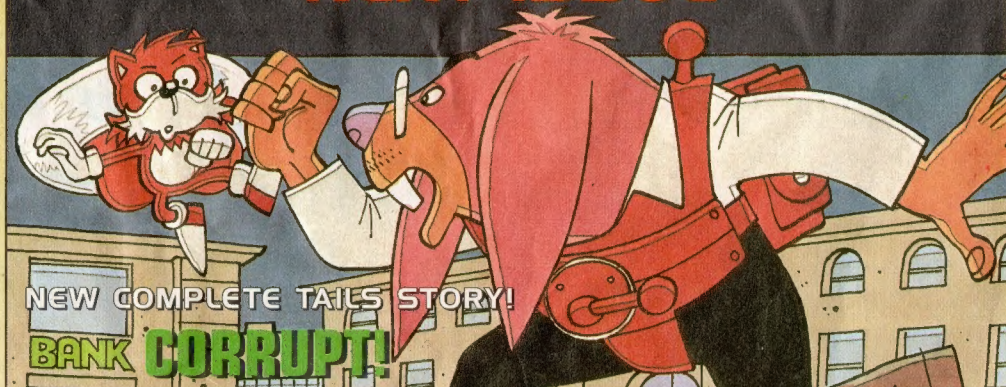
I think it's time STC featured another  
competition don't you? Well, thanks to Walkers'  
Snacks, four lucky humes will win a cool Kit Prize  
worth £160.00 each in the **Walkers Cheetos  
Competition**.

As if all that isn't enough, **Girl Trouble**  
rewinds to when Amy was Amy Rose. Find out why  
she was once a frilly thorn in Sonic's side!

Remember, that your own artwork also  
gets the chance to shine when the **Graphic Zone**  
tunes into Sega Power! See you in a funky fortnight,  
Boomers!

*Megadroid*

## NEXT ISSUE



NEW COMPLETE TAILS STORY!

### BANK CORRUPT!

THRILLING CONCLUSIONS

SONIC GETS TO THE ROOT CAUSE!

KNUCKLES SHOCK COLLAR!

PLUS

PIRATES OF THE MYSTIC CAVE!

GRAPHIC ZONE

STC 138 - on sale Wednesday, 9 September 1998





PART 3

# SONIC ROOTS

Script & Colour: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: RICHARD ELSON • Letters: ELLIE de VILLE

SONIC AND CHAOTIX HAVE  
BEEN CAPTURED BY THE  
MYSTERIOUS SWAMP CREATURE  
KNOWN AS ROOT.

YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO GET AWAY  
WITH THIS! NOBODY CAN  
KEEP SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG CAPTIVE  
FOR LONG!

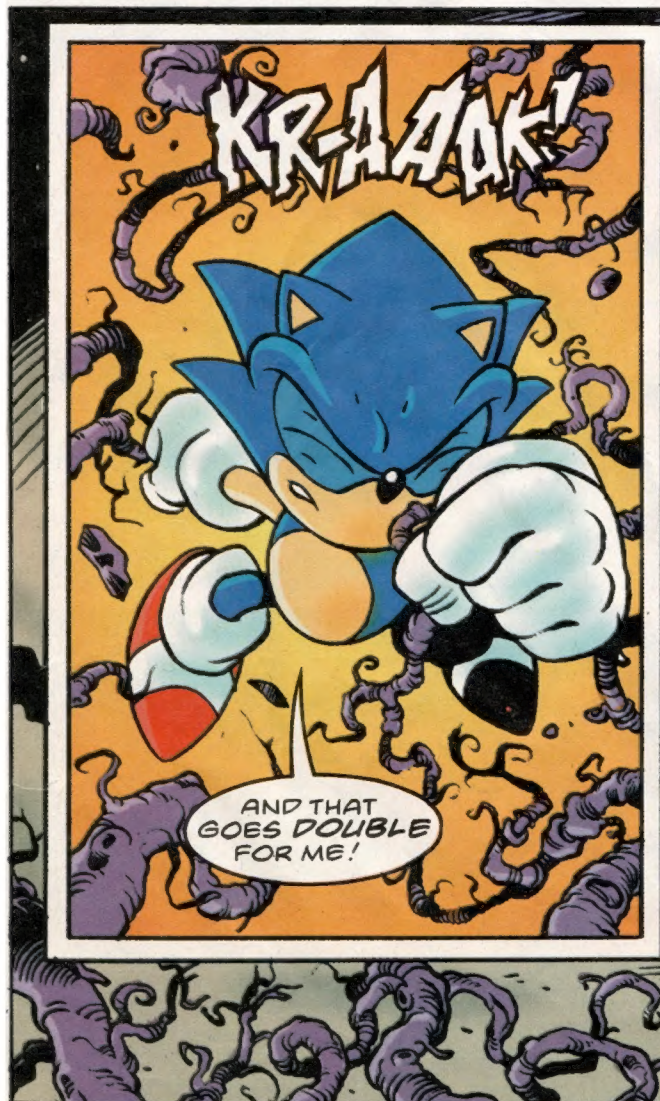
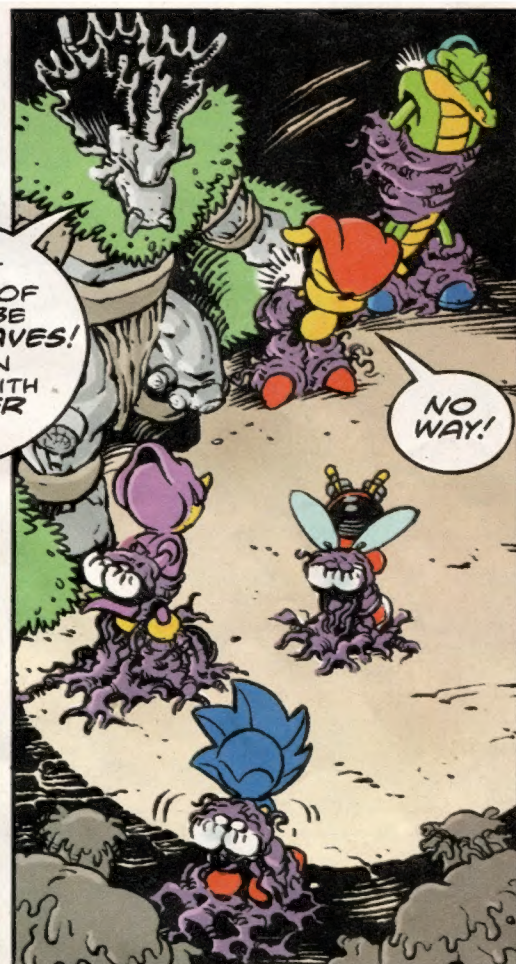
I DON'T INTEND  
TO TRY. IN A MOMENT  
I WILL RELEASE YOU AND YOU  
WILL BE MY WILLING  
SLAVES!



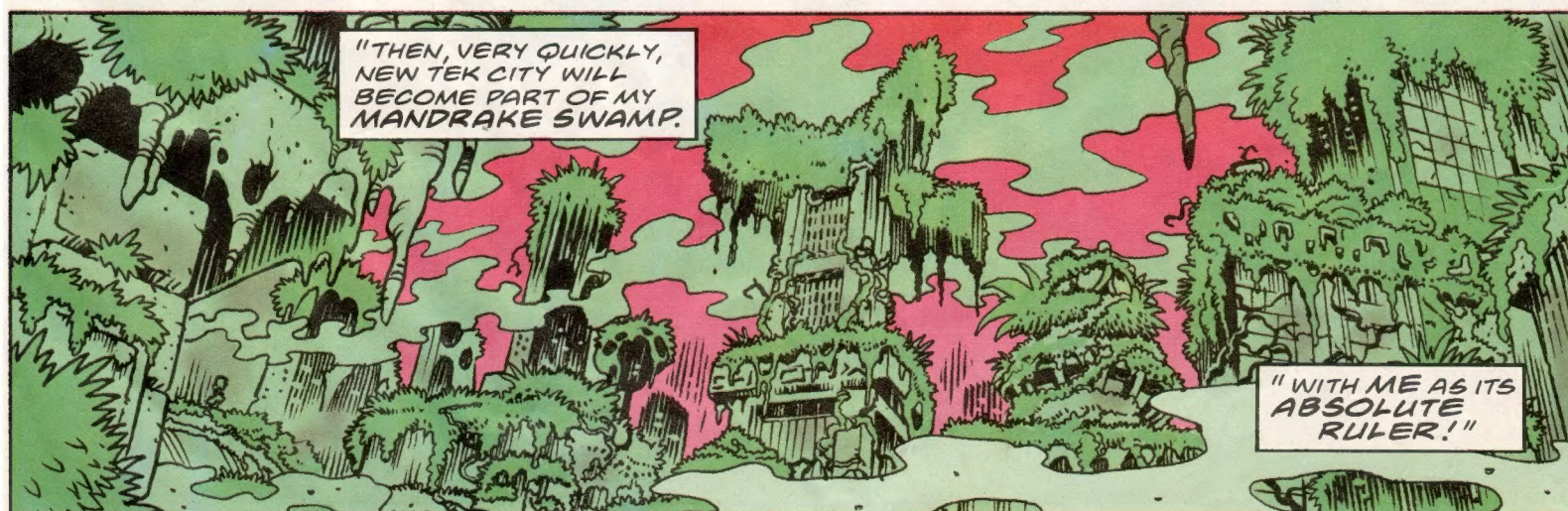
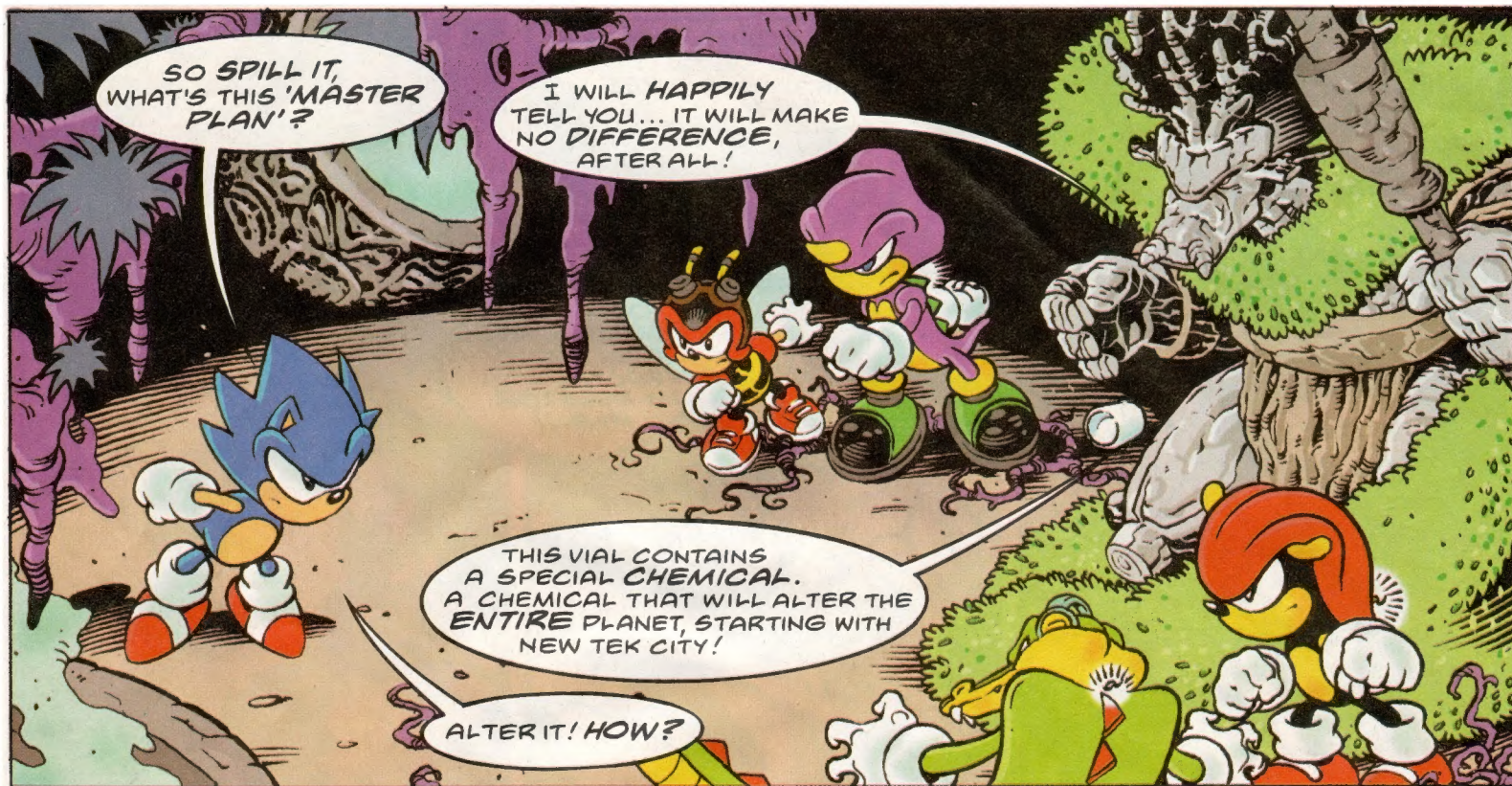




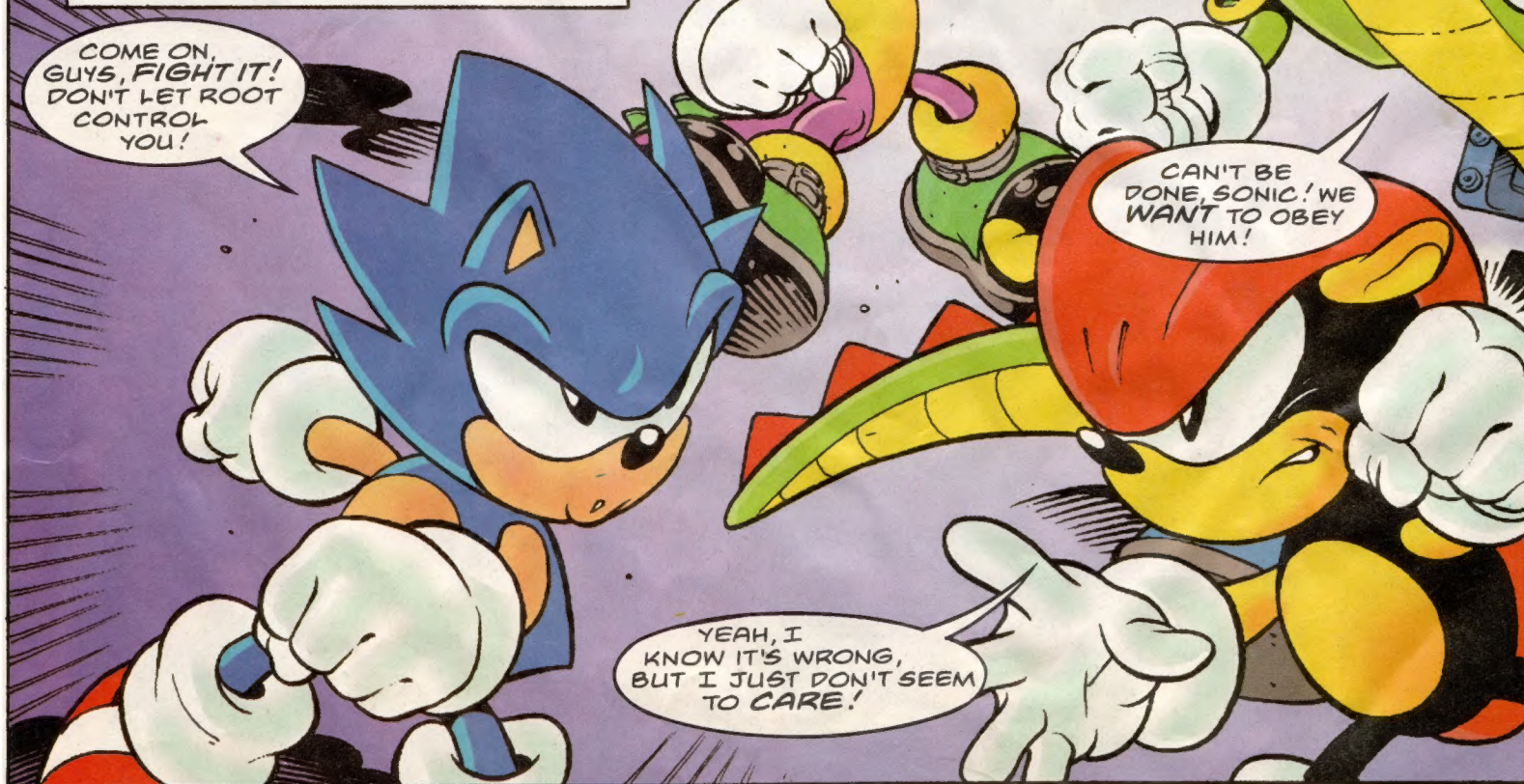
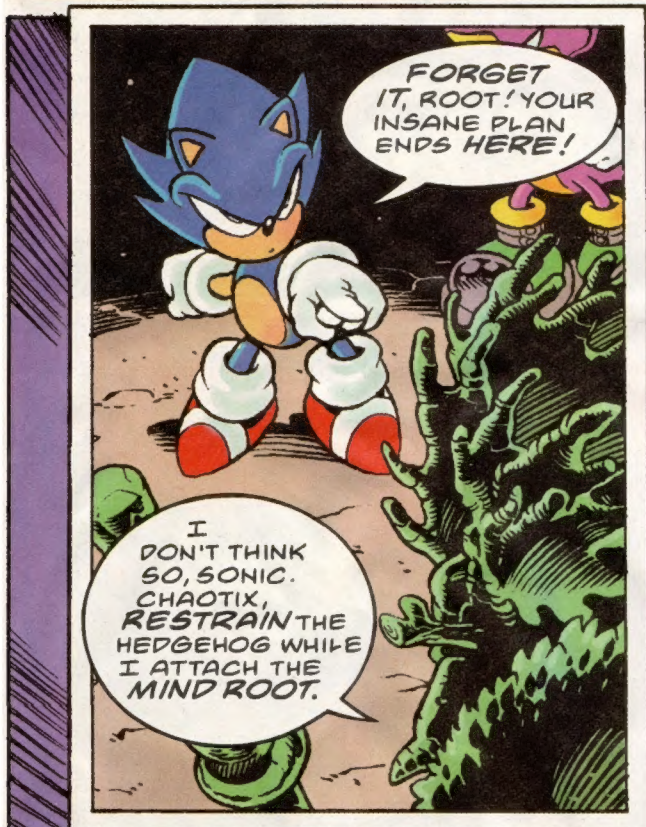




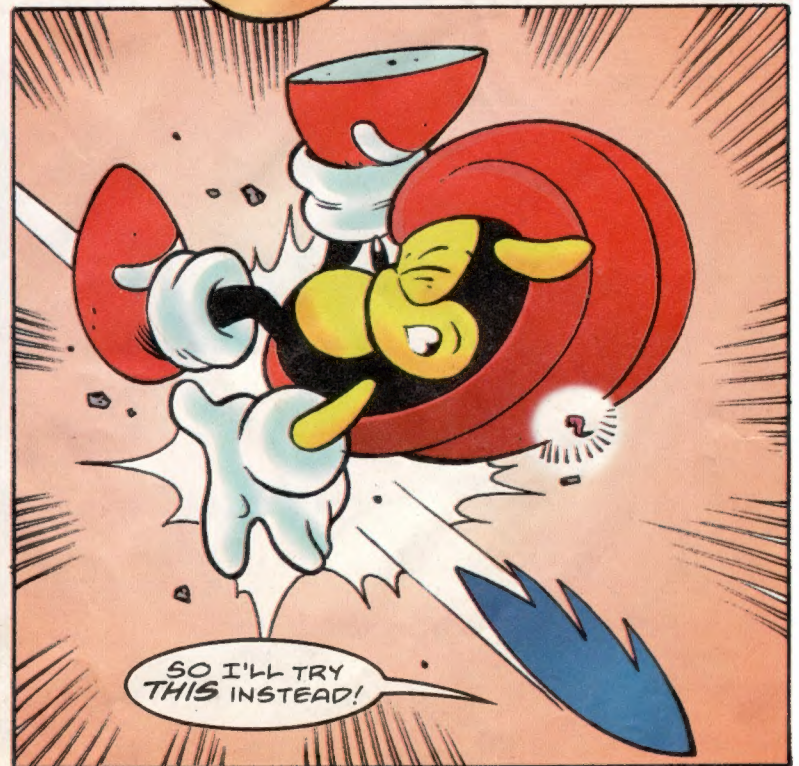
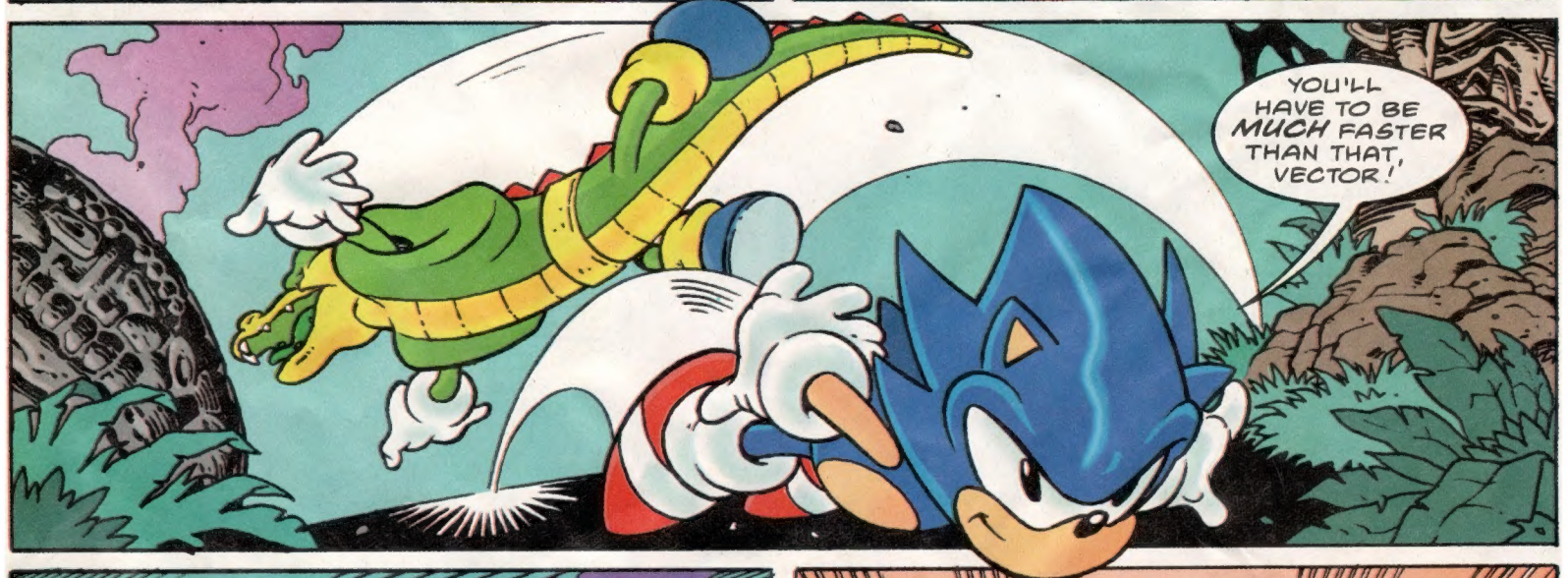
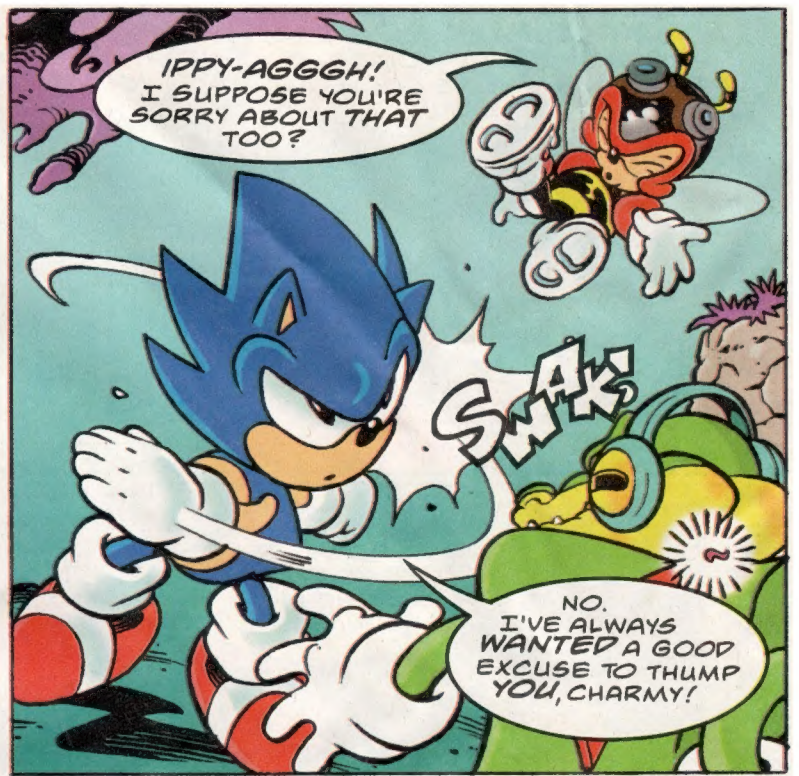












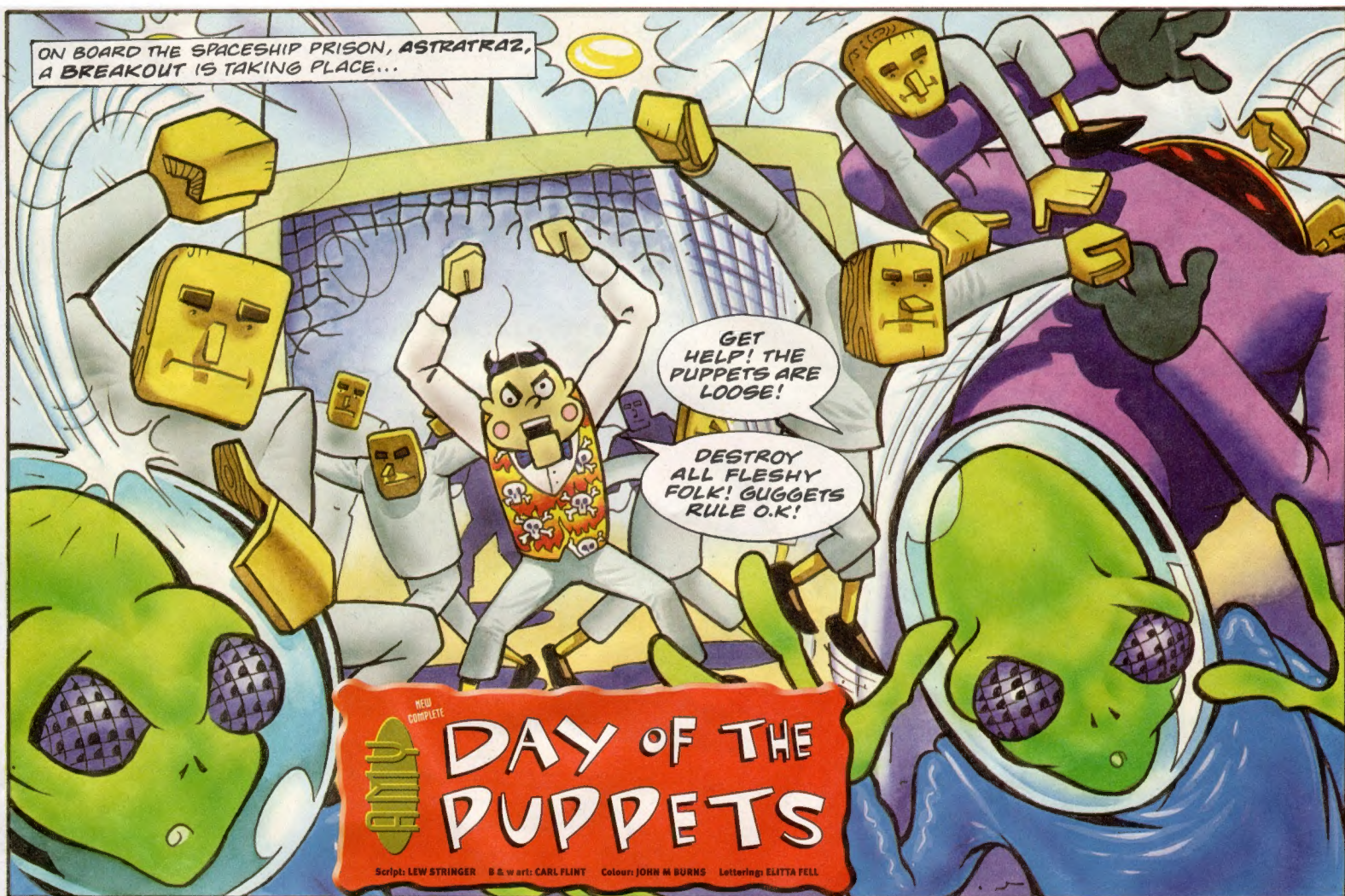




NEXT ISSUE: SONIC V CHAOTIX!



ON BOARD THE SPACESHIP PRISON, ASTRATRAZ,  
A BREAKOUT IS TAKING PLACE...



...NOT THE BEST DESTINATION  
FOR AMY AND TEKNO ON THEIR  
INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELS!

WHERE  
ARE WE THIS  
TIME?

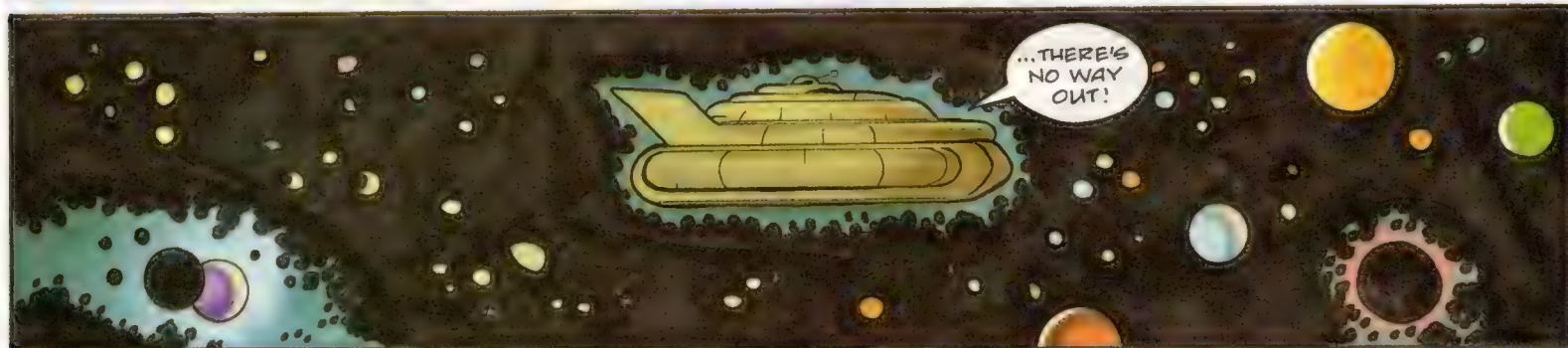
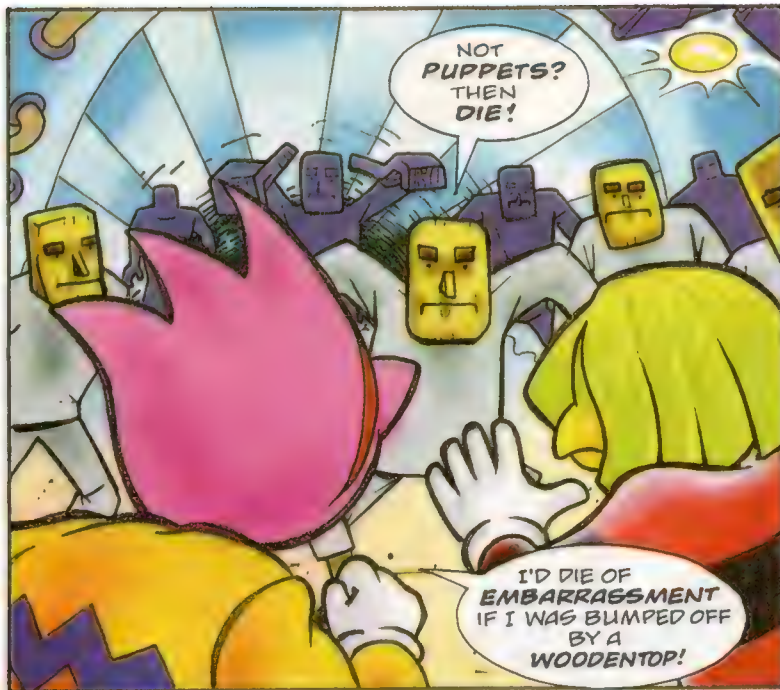


HALT!  
WHAT KIND OF  
PUPPETS ARE  
YOU TWO?

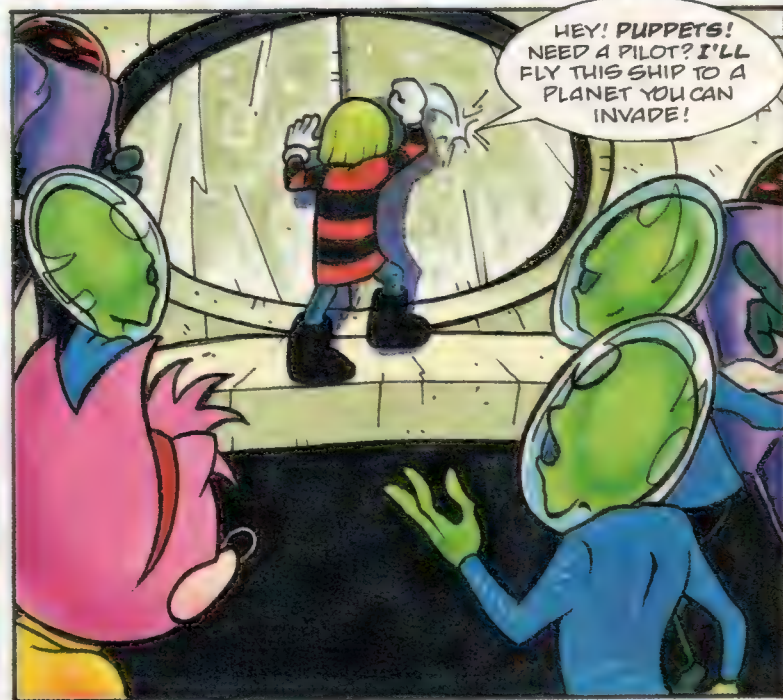
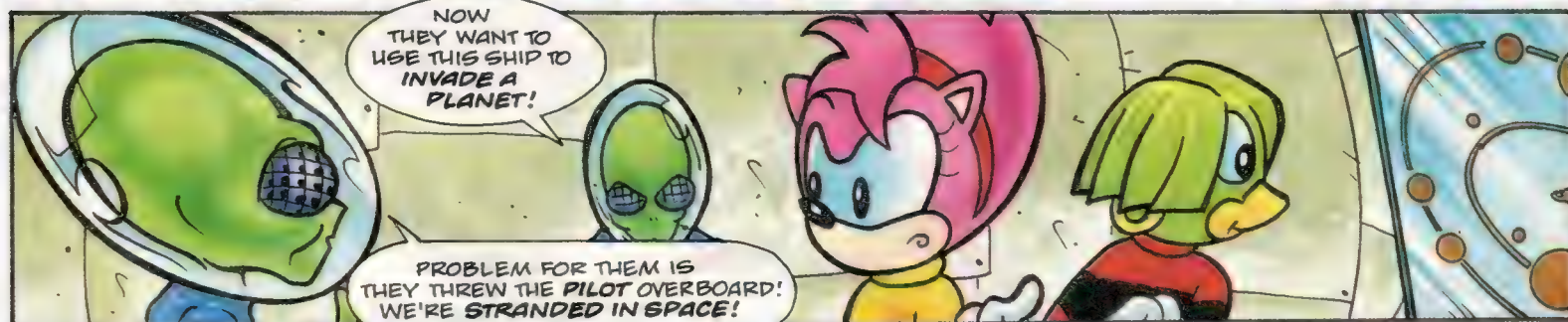
WE  
PULL OUR  
OWN STRINGS,  
PAL!







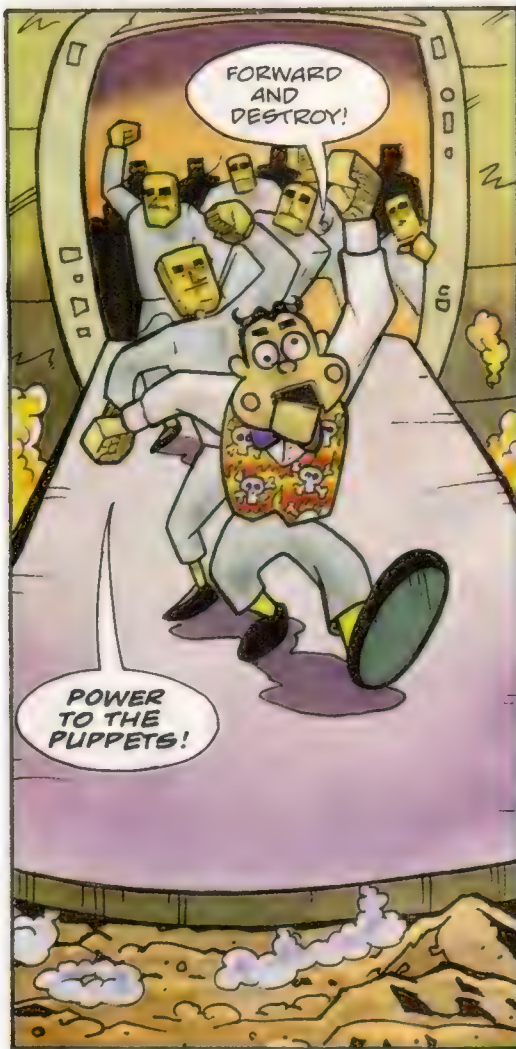






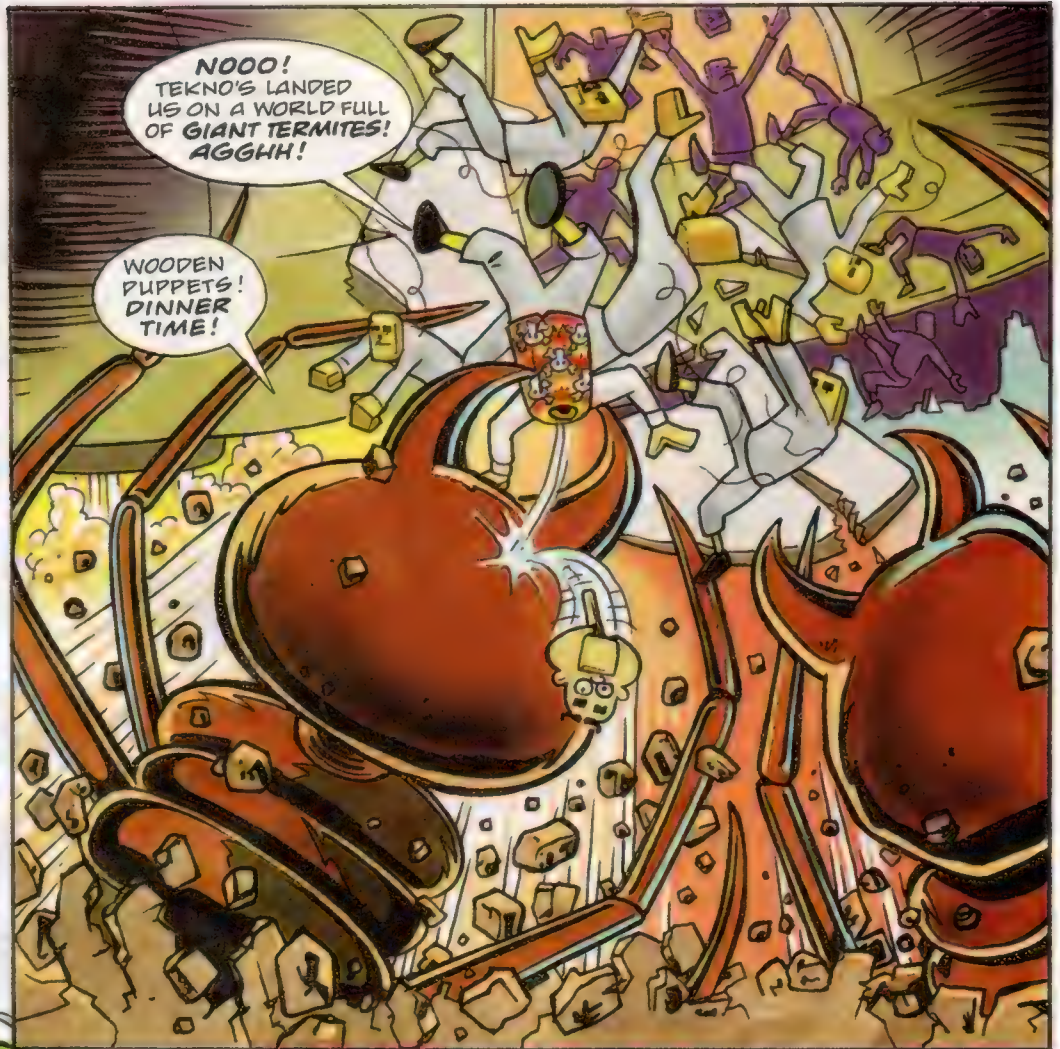






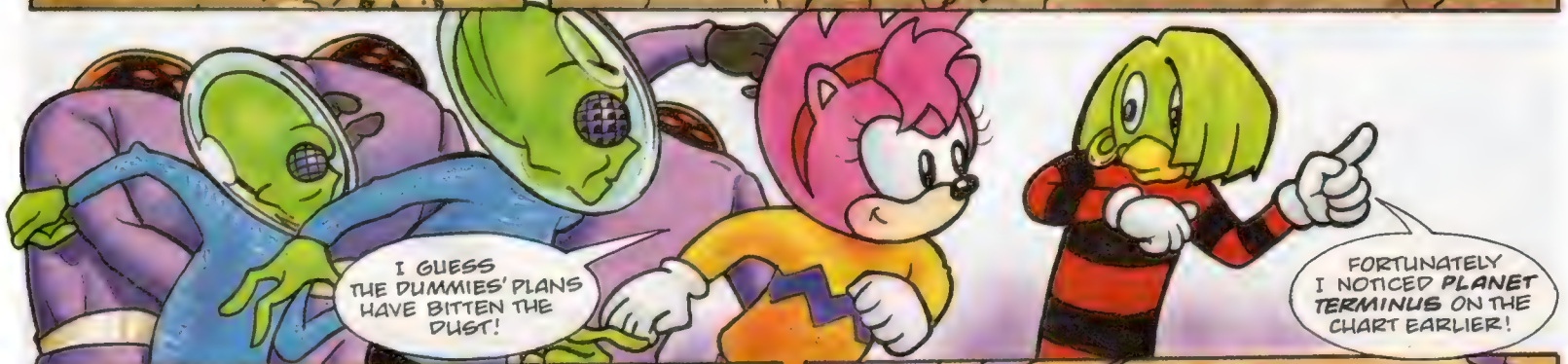
FORWARD  
AND  
DESTROY!

POWER  
TO THE  
PUPPETS!



NOOO!  
TEKNO'S LANDED  
US ON A WORLD FULL  
OF GIANT TERMITES!  
AGGHH!

WOODEN  
PUPPETS!  
DINNER  
TIME!



I GUESS  
THE DUMMIES' PLANS  
HAVE BITTEN THE  
DUST!

FORTUNATELY  
I NOTICED PLANET  
TERMINUS ON THE  
CHART EARLIER!



THANKS FOR  
YOUR HELP! I'LL RADIO  
TO BASE TO PICK US UP  
AND... HEY! YOU'RE  
VANISHING!

WE'RE  
ON COURSE FOR  
OUR NEXT  
DESTINATION!



AT LEAST  
THERE WON'T BE  
ANY EVIL PUPPETS  
IN THE NEXT  
WORLD!

TOUCH  
WOOD!



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## ZONE



## SEGA POWER

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POST DELIVERY, AS EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO  
GETS THEIR WORK PRINTED IN SONIC THE COMIC  
(STC) WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG DIGITAL WATCH.

## SPICE

Gail McColl,  
Glasgow, Scotland.  
GG & MD owner.  
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Watch Winner.



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Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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Gwent, Wales.  
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# SPIKEBOYS





ECHT DNA Power

Richard Ellis,  
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Watch Winner.



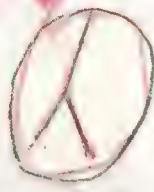
AMY RULES

OK!



Mary Ibek,  
Tooting  
Broadway,  
London.  
Sonic Digital  
Watch Winner.

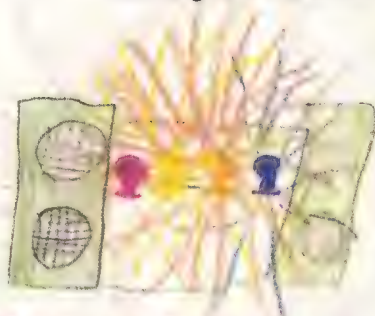
Hel Fazy  
& Tails



Sean McHugh,  
Castlederg, Co  
Tyrone, N Ireland.  
Sonic Digital  
Watch Winner.



Laura Brown,  
Havant, Herts.  
Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



AMY AND TEKNO  
Disco

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## LIFE SAVER

Dear STC,

I'm obsessed with art and I draw anything and everything and since a certain game was released years ago, I've made drawing Sonic and co one of my specialities (I had intended to send you some artwork, but then I remembered those nightmare things called GCSE's!).

Anyway, I was wondering, why the change to some of the strip colouring on computer? It still looks good - I'm just curious! Also, any tips on how to draw Grimer as I'll be illustrating a friend's comic soon.

Lastly, congrats on keeping teenagers like myself sane for the past five years since I've had to put up with comprehensive school!

**Abby (Long Term Fan).**

**Please send in name and address.**

**Enamel Badge Prize winner.**



*The change to computer colouring came about as painted artwork can be much more time consuming, Abby. Artist Richard Elson*

*says that he imagines Grimer's head as a large triangle, with his cheekbones as inverted triangles. Another suggestion is that you "get into the mind of the character", so in Grimers case, think like a toady, slimy little wormbag and you're half-way there! You can pick up a few more tips in STC 139 which features 'Whatever Happened to Grimer'.*

## MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Dear Megadroid,

I've been reading through old issues and discovered back in issue 89, a viewpoint on swearing by Boomer Gavin Jackson.

Gavin commented that you don't print swearwords. Well, as most readers are kids like me, I would guess that you can't print them even if you wanted to! If parents find out that there's swearing in the comic, they might think that it's too violent, or they might even ban their child from buying it, and then STC would lose profit - so I say keep the bad words OUT!



**Drew Smith,  
Longfield, Kent.**

**GG, MD & Saturn owner.**

**Enamel Badge Prize winner.**



*You may have noticed Drew, STC already turns the atmosphere a special shade of blue whenever Sonic appears!*



**Richard Ash,  
King's Langley, Herts.  
Enamel Badge Prize winner.**



**Sam Hill,  
Cirencester,  
Gloucestershire.  
Enamel Badge  
Prize winner.**

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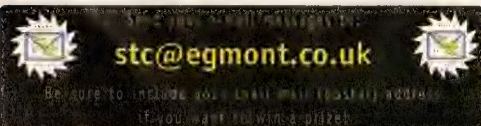
Dear Megadroid,

A while ago my sister also started getting into STC as well. Because of this, I made my own version for her instead and charged her 10p a copy! So far I've made 66, for which she's very pleased with. Anyway, it's almost my comic's second anniversary issue and I'll send one to you for FREE. I have to sign off now as I want to finish my comic which is due on sale tomorrow! Bye!

**John Laird,  
Ceredigion, Wales.  
Enamel Badge Prize winner.**



*Very professional, John - but making a profit out of your own flesh and blood... That's something you'll never be able to do with me!*





DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND,  
AN ANGRY ECHIDNA STALKS THE  
ANCIENT TUNNEL SYSTEM.

KNUCKLES IS NOT HAVING  
A GOOD DAY!

PART 3



THE

# TAKE-OVER

KNUCKLES

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: NIGEL DOBBYN • Lettering: TOM FRAME

I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD  
ENOUGH OF THIS!

I GET THE FLOATING  
ISLAND JUST THE WAY  
I WANT IT, THEN  
SOME IDIOTS TURN  
UP TO STEAL THE  
CHAOS EMERALDS!

THEY BREAK THROUGH  
ALL THE ISLAND'S  
DEFENCES AS IF THEY  
WEREN'T THERE, AND  
ACT LIKE THEY OWN  
THE PLACE!

WELL, WHEN I GET THROUGH  
WITH THEM THEY'LL WISH  
THEY'D NEVER HEARD OF THE  
CHAOS EMERALDS!



MEANWHILE ON THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND MS ALPHA, MR BETA, MR GAMMA AND MR DELTA HAVE ENCOUNTERED A SLIGHT PROBLEM...

THE ISLAND'S ROBOT GUARDIANS!

DO NOT MOVE. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, MR DELTA? YOU SAID YOU COULD DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS!

I'M WORKING ON IT... I JUST NEED A LITTLE LONGER!

MR BETA, BUY US SOME TIME!

RIGHT!

FAZ-ZAKK!

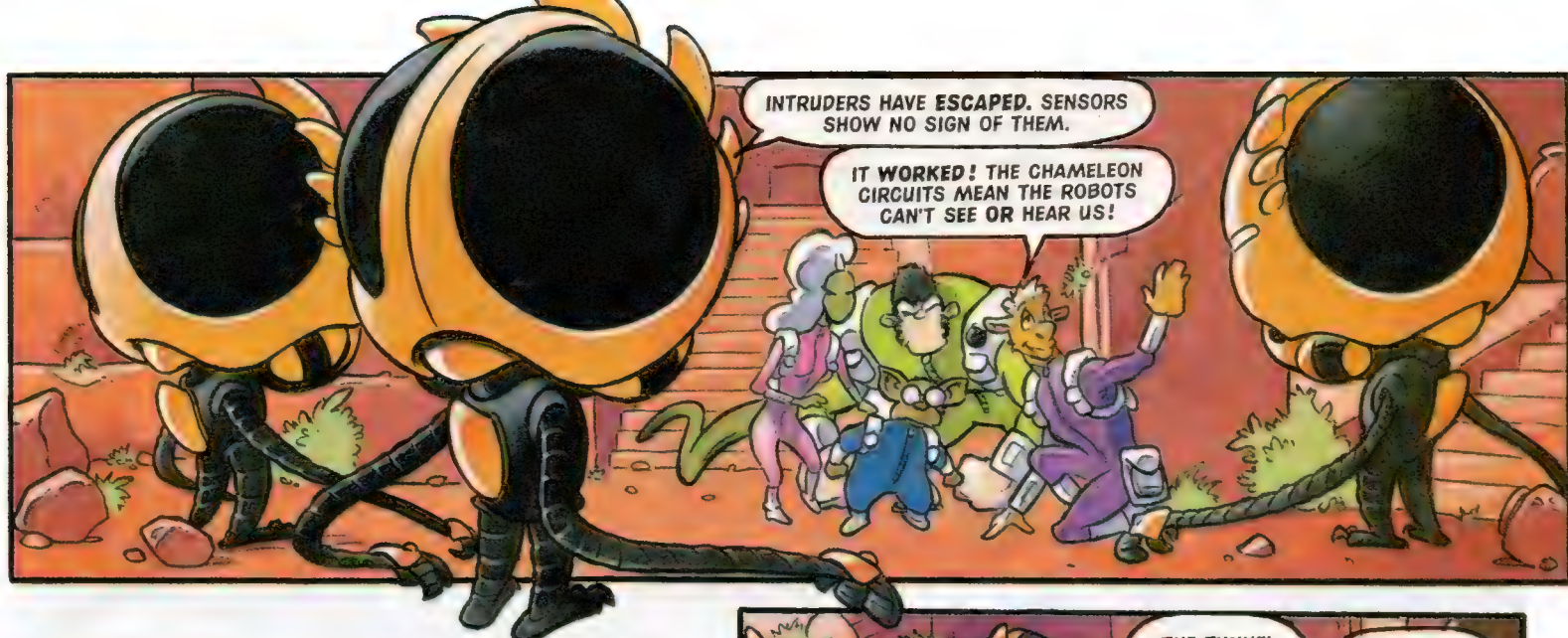
TIME'S UP, MR DELTA... I WANT YOUR ANSWER... NOW!

I'M SCANNING THE ROBOTS' FREQUENCY RIGHT NOW... GOT IT! SET YOUR CHAMELEON CIRCUITS TO 275!

YOU WERE WARNED! NOW WE MUST TAKE DIRECT ACTION!

SWAKK!





INTRUDERS HAVE ESCAPED. SENSORS  
SHOW NO SIGN OF THEM.

IT WORKED! THE CHAMELEON  
CIRCUITS MEAN THE ROBOTS  
CAN'T SEE OR HEAR US!



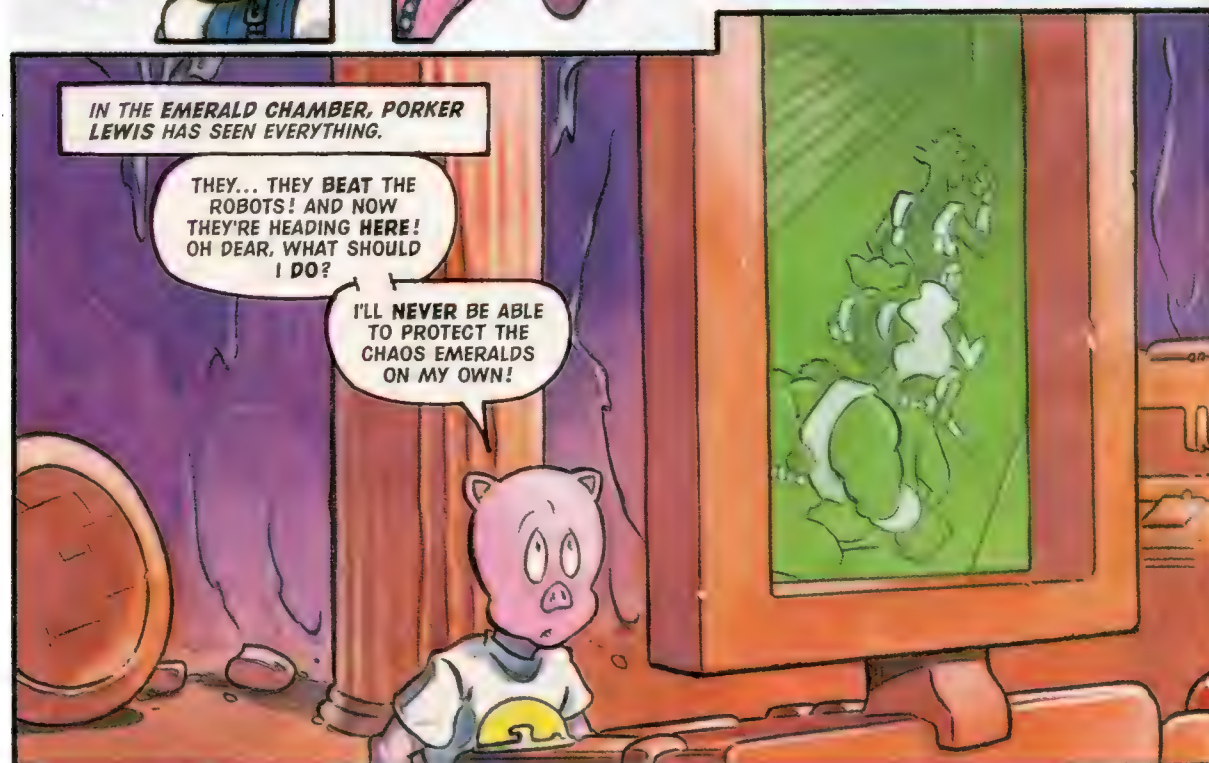
MY DEVICES  
ALWAYS WORK,  
MR GAMMA!

WE CAN CONGRATULATE  
OURSELVES LATER... RIGHT  
NOW WE'VE GOT WORK TO  
DO!



THE TUNNEL  
WE NEED  
BEGINS IN THIS  
PYRAMID... ARE  
WE STILL ON  
SCHEDULE, MR  
GAMMA?

WE SHOULD  
REACH OUR  
OBJECTIVE IN  
A MATTER OF  
MINUTES,  
MS ALPHA!



IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, PORKER  
LEWIS HAS SEEN EVERYTHING.

THEY... THEY BEAT THE  
ROBOTS! AND NOW  
THEY'RE HEADING HERE!  
OH DEAR, WHAT SHOULD  
I DO?

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE  
TO PROTECT THE  
CHAOS EMERALDS  
ON MY OWN!



IF ONLY  
KNUCKLES  
WERE HERE!









NEXT ISSUE: KNUCKLES DEFEATED?



# SPICE UP YOUR LIFE WITH A COOL KIT PRIZE - ENTER THE WALKERS CHEETOS COMPO!



Left to right: Victoria, Mel B, Emma, Mel C (and 'Ginger' in the front!).



It's official - the hottest summer event is here! Walkers Snacks have launched Cheetos - their cool flavoured cheese puffs, which are available at a shop near you now for 15p!

To celebrate, Sonic The Comic has teamed up with Walkers and are offering four fab kit prizes (each worth a mega £160.00) which contain:-

- \* Pair of great in-line skates (specify shoe size).
- \* Trendy paw print rucksack.
- \* Cool To Be Cool T-shirt (age 8-10, or 11-13 years).
- \* Stylish paw print sunglasses.
- \* Cuddly Cheetah.
- \* Mini football.
- \* 48 packets of Cheetos.

## HOW TO ENTER:-

**Q: Name the Walkers Big Cat who shot to fame in the first**

**promotional photographs featuring The Spice Girls since Geri split from the group.**

*Clue: the 'face of Cheetos' was first revealed to STC readers last issue!*

Please write your **answer** in capital letters, together with your **name, address, shoe size** (for the in-line skates), and your preferred **T-shirt size** (age 8-10 years or 11-13 years), on a postcard or sealed down envelope.

Phew! Now get your entry off before the closing date of **26 September 1998** to the following address:-

**STC/Walkers Cheetos Competition,  
PO Box 15,  
London,  
SW6 3TU.**

Good luck, Boomers - and remember - no *cheating*, just *Cheetos* (groan!).





THE SPECIAL ZONE: LOCATION  
OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S  
CURRENT BASE OF OPERATIONS.

A SHORT TIME AGO DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK ENCASED HIMSELF  
IN A GIANT EGG SHELL.

NOW SOMETHING STIRS...

DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK HAS  
CHANGED!

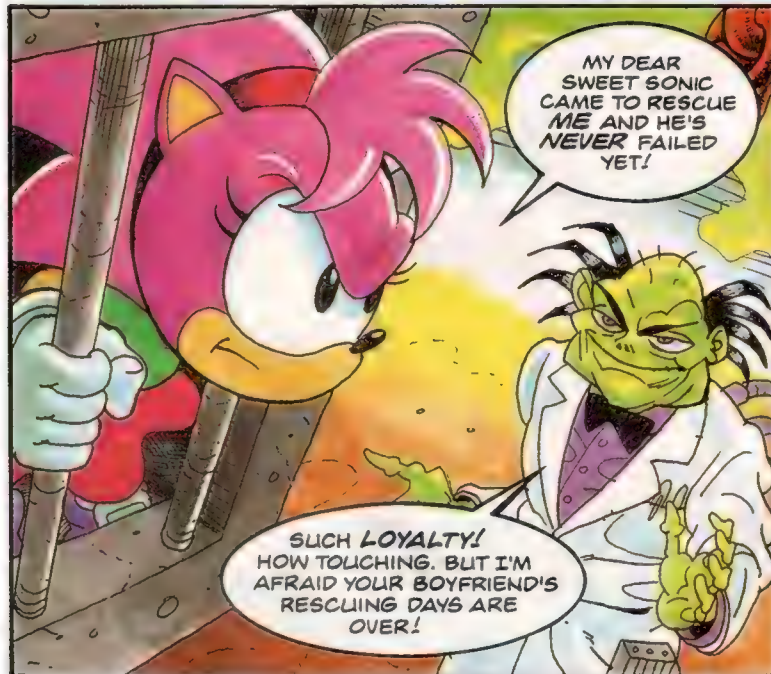
I FEEL  
DIFFERENT... MORE  
POWERFUL... MORE  
DEADLY... MORE  
ROTTEN THAN  
EVER!

**Sonic**

THE HEDGEHOG

GIRL TROUBLE PART 2









NOBODY WILL  
BE DOING ANY  
ESCAPING TODAY,  
RABBIT.  
NOBODY!

DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK?

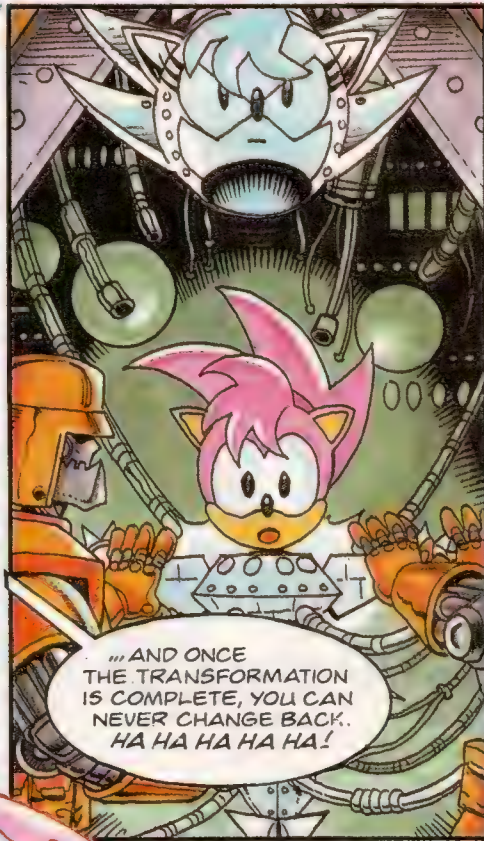


HEY, WHAT  
HAPPENED TO YOU,  
EGG BREATH? YOU  
GOTTA STOP TAKIN'  
THOSE UGLY  
PILLS!

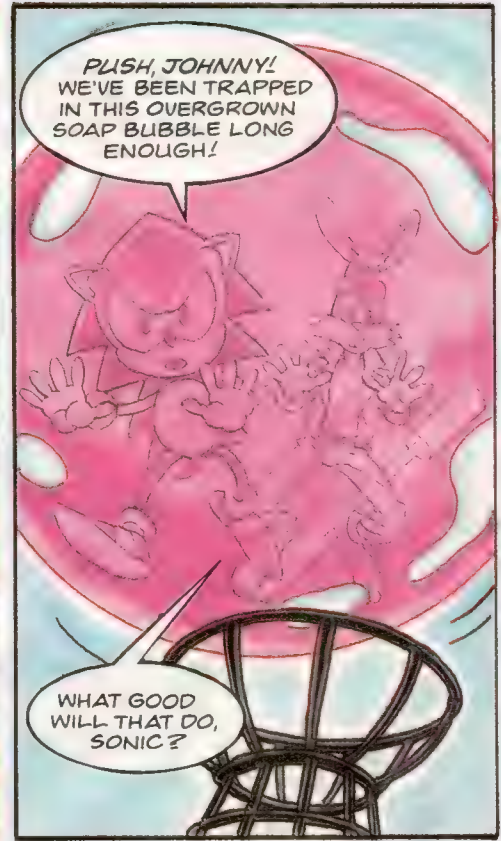


YOU WILL  
RESPECT ME,  
YOU BLUE  
PINCUSHION!

IN A FEW  
MINUTES ALL  
THREE OF YOU  
WILL BE CONVERTED  
INTO ONE OF MY  
NEW SUPER  
BADNIKS...

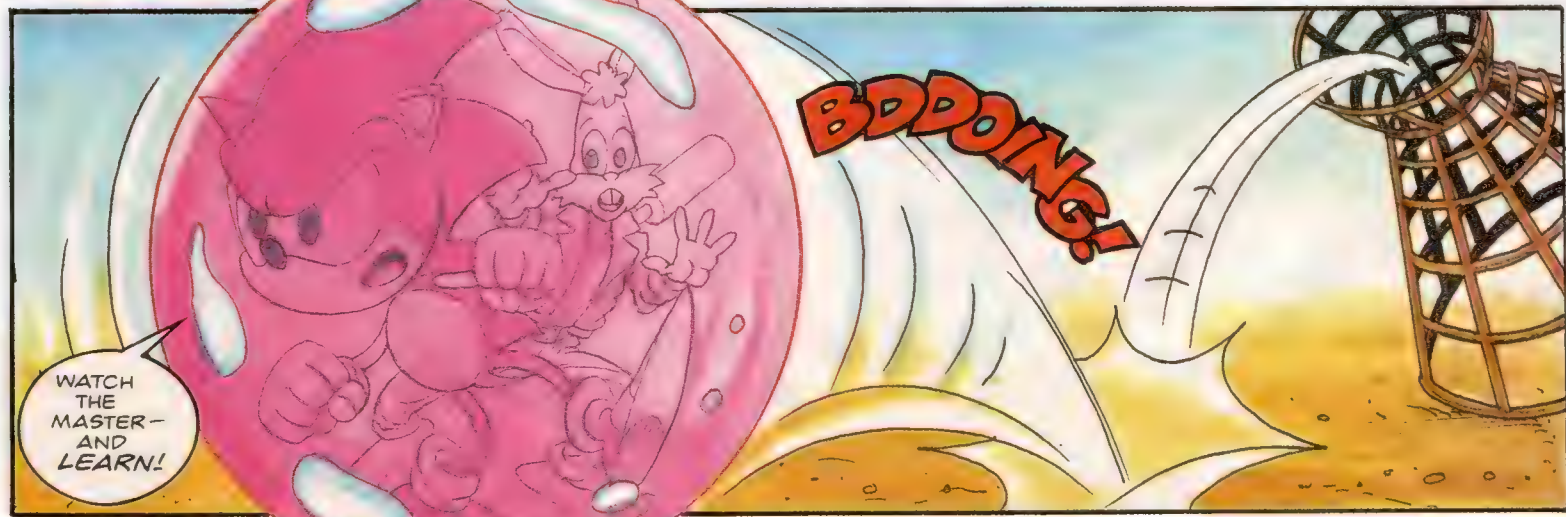


...AND ONCE  
THE TRANSFORMATION  
IS COMPLETE, YOU CAN  
NEVER CHANGE BACK.  
HA HA HA HA HA!



PUSH, JOHNNY!  
WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED  
IN THIS OVERGROWN  
SOAP BUBBLE LONG  
ENOUGH!

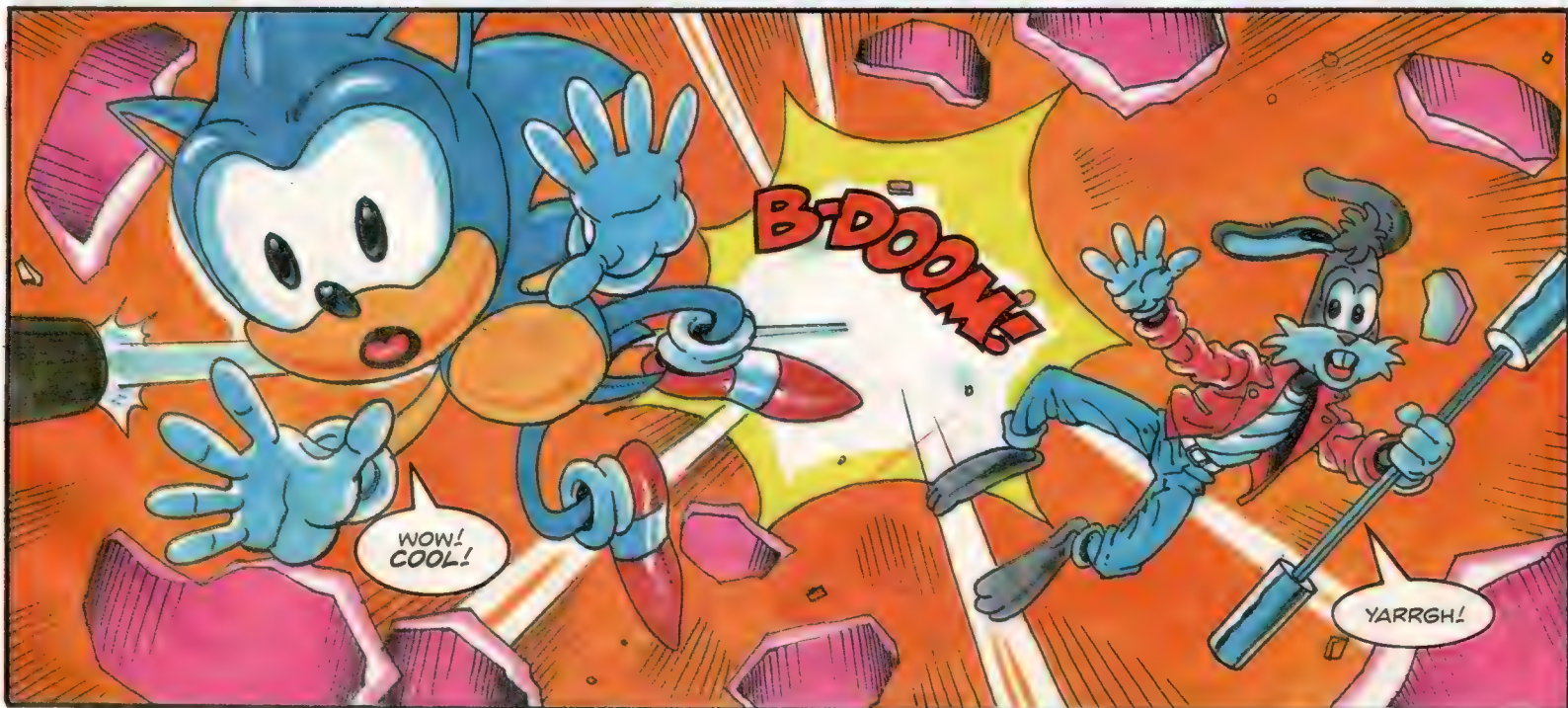
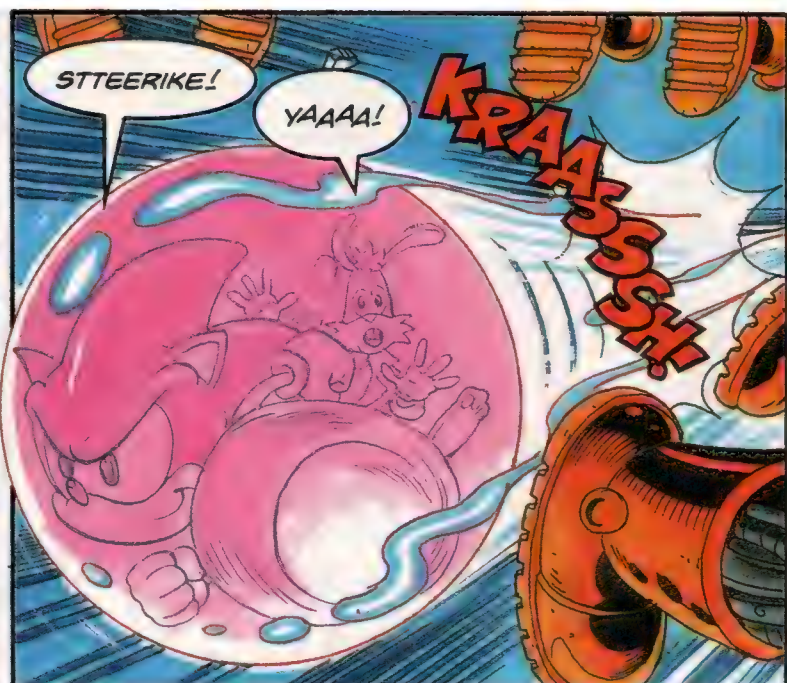
WHAT GOOD  
WILL THAT DO,  
SONIC?



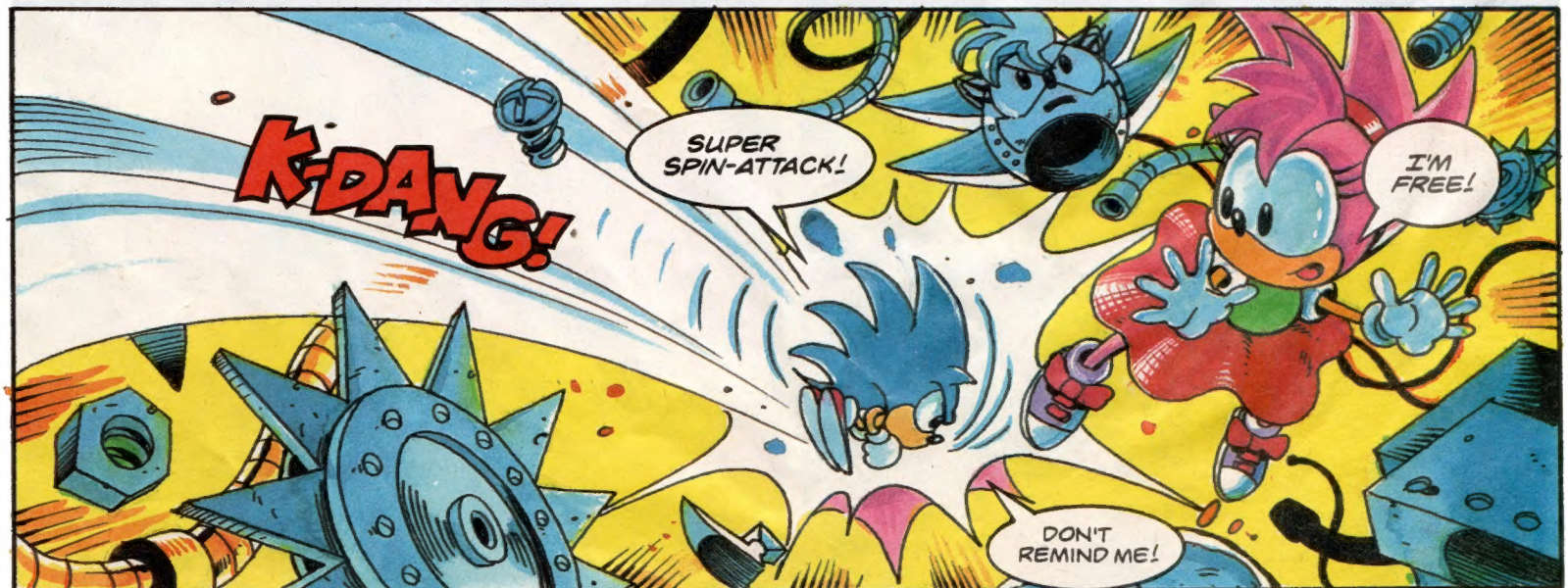
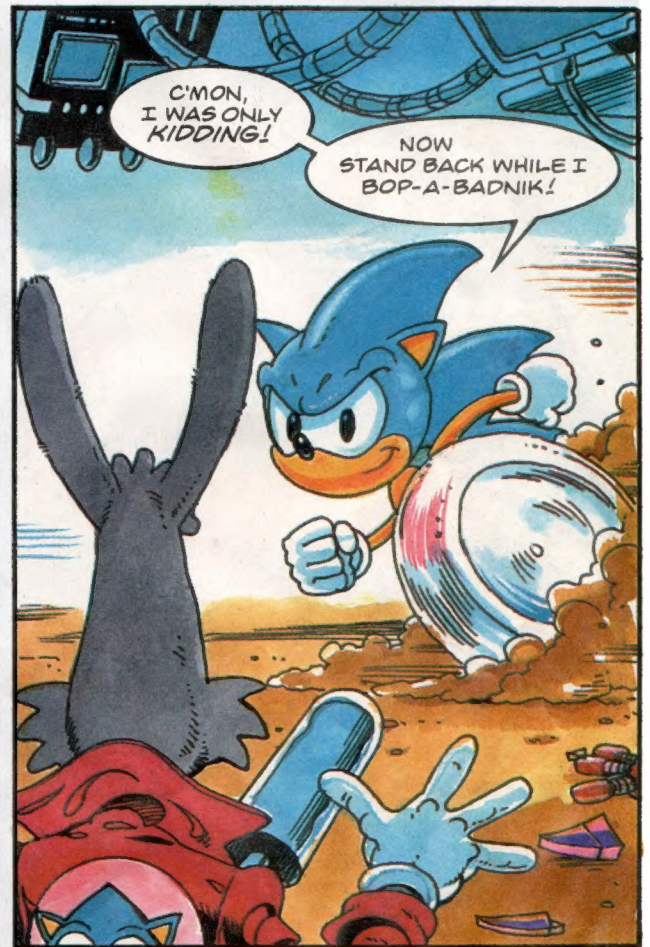
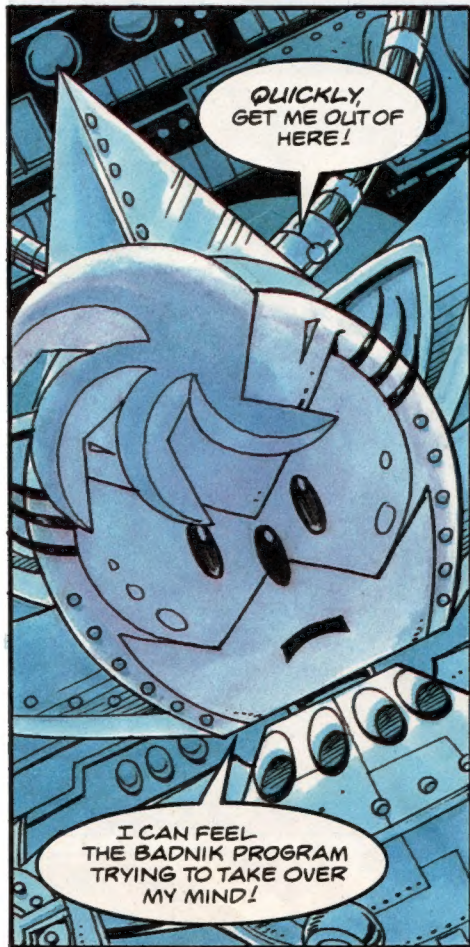
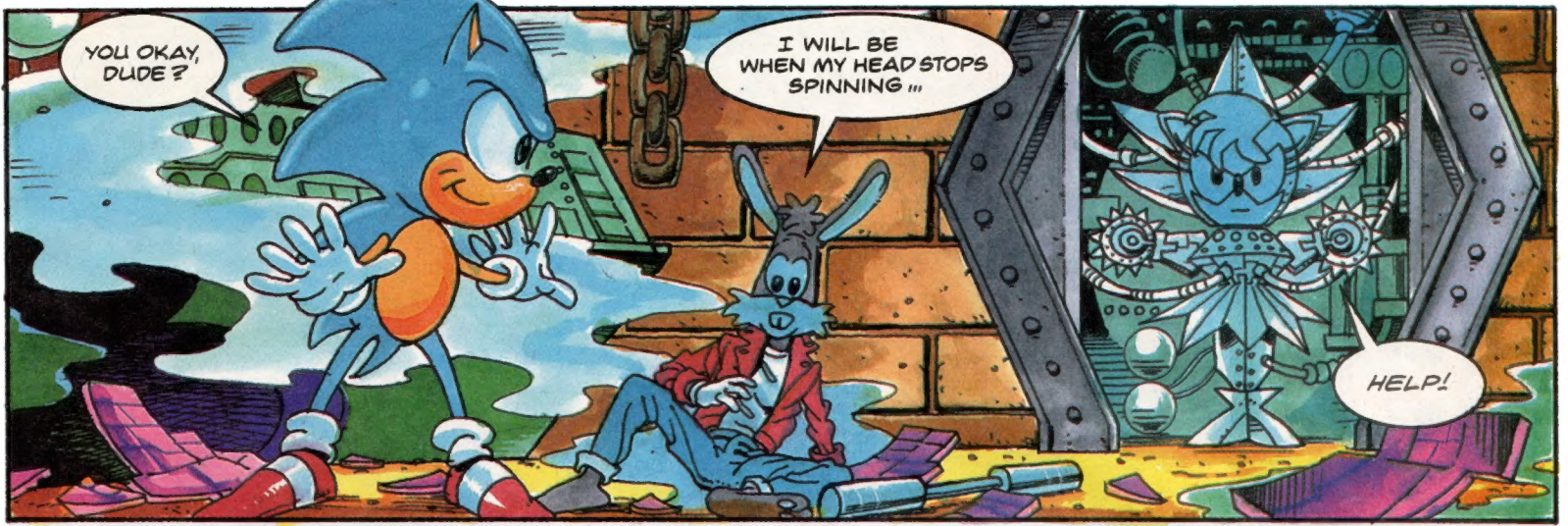
WATCH  
THE  
MASTER-  
AND  
LEARN!

BDDOING!

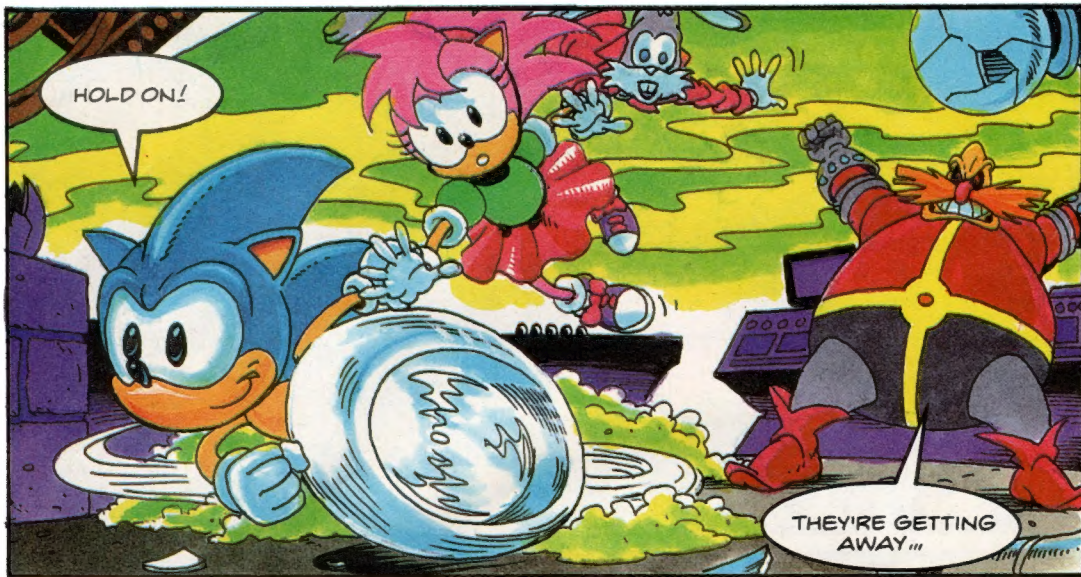






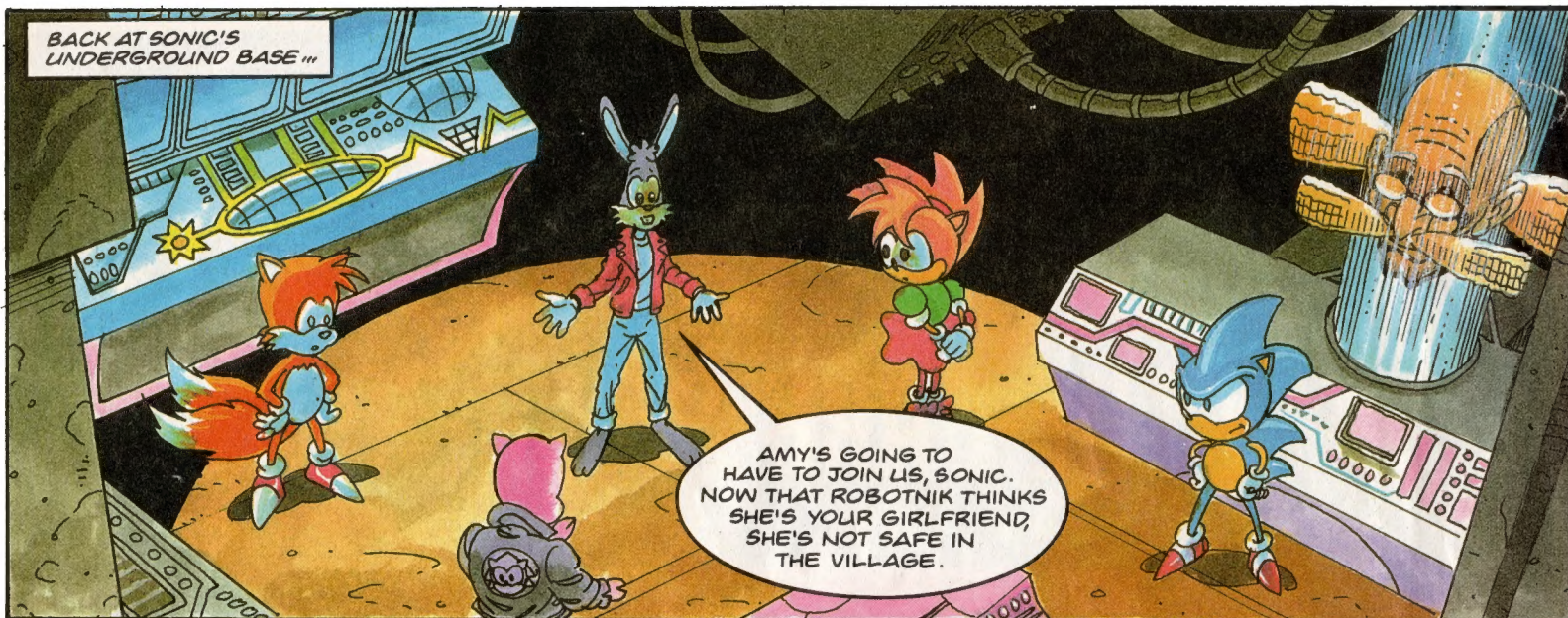






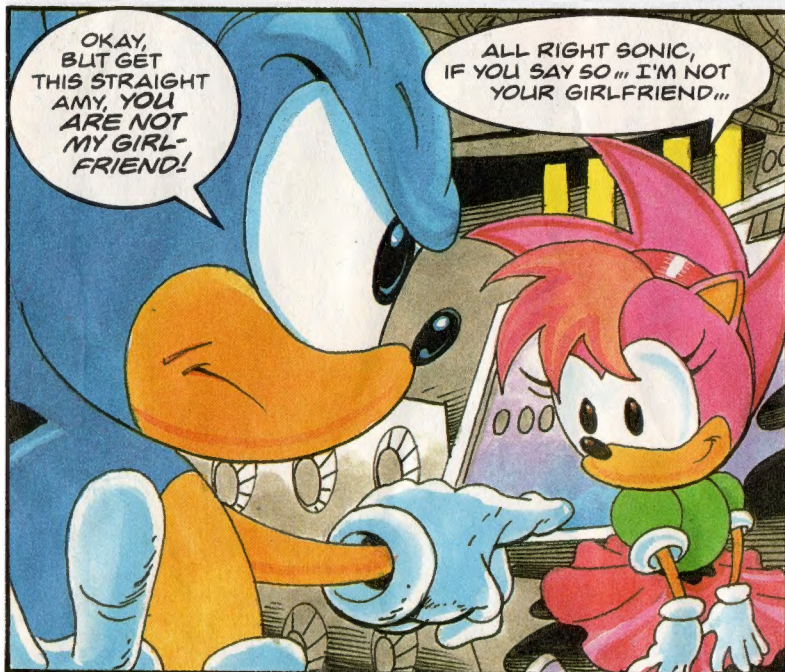


BACK AT SONIC'S UNDERGROUND BASE ""



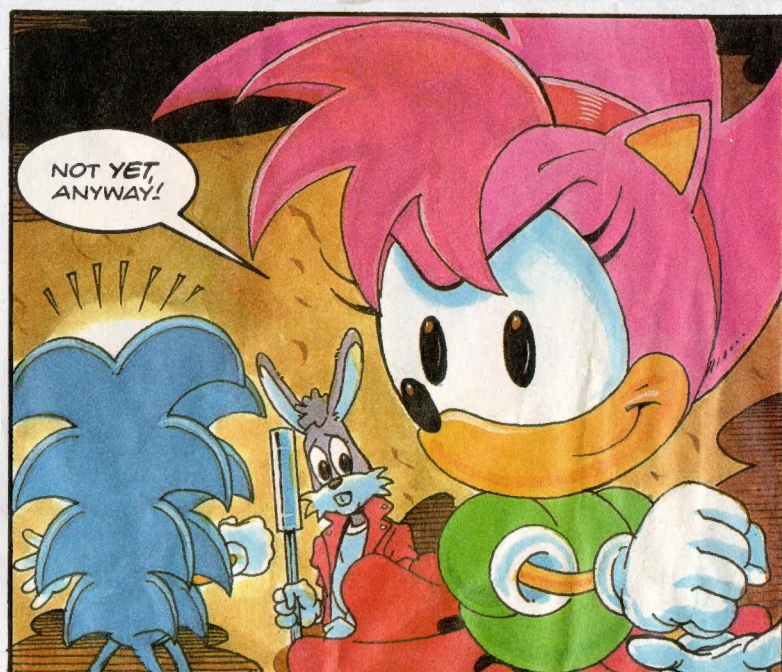
AMY'S GOING TO HAVE TO JOIN US, SONIC. NOW THAT ROBOTNIK THINKS SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, SHE'S NOT SAFE IN THE VILLAGE.

OKAY, BUT GET THIS STRAIGHT AMY, YOU ARE NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!



ALL RIGHT SONIC, IF YOU SAY SO "" I'M NOT YOUR GIRLFRIEND ""

NOT YET, ANYWAY!



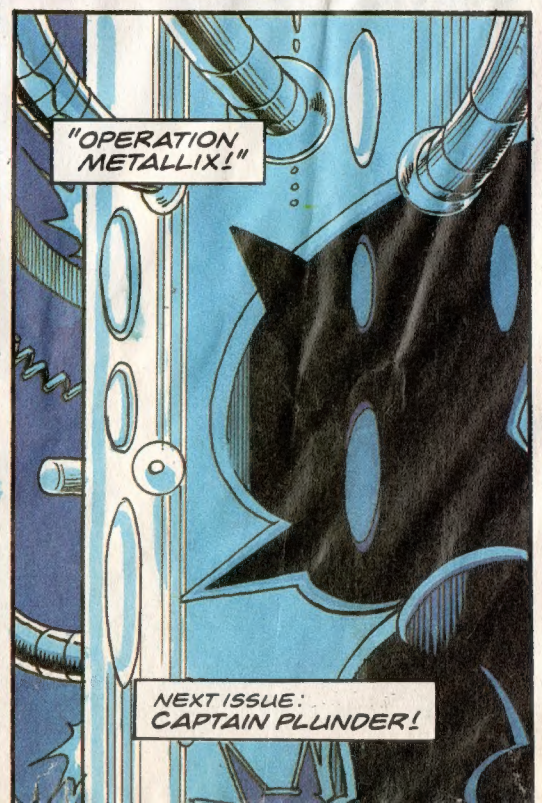
ELSEWHERE, DARK DEEDS ARE BEING HATCHED.



THE FINAL TESTS ARE POSITIVE, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

YES! EVEN SONIC WILL BE NO MATCH FOR ""

"OPERATION METALLIX!"



NEXT ISSUE: CAPTAIN PLUNDER!



**FREE GLOW**  
**IN THE DARK STICKERS!**



**Buster**  
FORTNIGHTLY

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GIFT SHOWN NOT ACTUAL SIZE